the financing of such construction and the placing of any such project in operation. Any obligation or expense heretofore or hereafter incurred by said University for preparation of plans and specifications, and other engineering services in connection with the construction of any such project shall be regarded as a part of the cost of such project and may be reimbursed to said University out of the proceeds of the revenue bonds hereinafter authorized; (3) the term "housing unit" and the term "housing units" shall mean and embrace housing facilities and living accommodations and such facilities as eating facilities, recreational facilities, student facilities, student union buildings and combined housing and student facilities, and any combination thereof; and (4) the term "related facilities" shall mean and embrace but shall not necessarily be limited to eating facilities, recreational facilities and student facilities.

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In order to provide additional facilities for the University of Maryland, the University of Maryland is hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time:

- (a) to acquire, construct, equip, maintain, repair and operate one or more housing units for students, both graduate and undergraduate, and their families, if married, enrolled at the University of Maryland in its schools, colleges, divisions, institutes, branches and departments in College Park, Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Princess Anne, and, in the case of any housing unit in Baltimore, for members of the house staff of the University Hospital and their families;
- (b) to convert existing facilities to serve as housing units for any of the persons specified in subsection (a) above and to equip, maintain, repair and operate such converted facilities;
- (c) to issue revenue bonds of the University for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of any one or more of said housing units, the aggregate principal amount of said revenue bonds not to exceed \$7,000,000 except as hereinafter provided;
- (d) to fix and revise from time to time, fees, rents and other charges for the use of such housing units;
- (e) to acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal property in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under Sections 259U-259AD, inclusive, of this sub-title;
- (f) to make and enter into all contracts and agreements, including loan agreements to provide financing during periods of construction, necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under Sections 259U-259AD, inclusive, of this sub-title, and to employ consulting engineers, attorneys, construction and financial experts and such other employees and agents as may be necessary in the opinion of its Board of Regents and to fix their compensation; provided that all such acts and agreements shall be payable solely from the proceeds of revenue bonds issued under the provisions of Sections 259U-259AD, inclusive, of this subtitle, or from funds otherwise provided;
- (g) to receive and accept from the United States of America or any agency thereof grants for or in aid of the construction of any